

METHODIST APPOINTMENTS.

Bishop Duncan Fills the Charges in the State for 1898.

NOT MANY CHANGES MADE.

Presiding Elders All Returned to Their Old Places—The Superannuated Preachers.

The following are the appointments of the South Carolina M. E. Conference for 1898, as read before that body in session at Florence by Bishop Duncan—

- Charleston District.
 - Presiding Elder—W P Meadors.
 - Trinity—J W Kilgo.
 - Bethel—H W Days.
 - Spring Street—S P H Elwell.
 - Cumberland—J M Steadman.
 - Berkely—W H Throver.
 - Summerville—G P Watson.
 - Ridgeville and Cypress—J L Ray and O N Rountree.
 - St. George's—A C Walker.
 - St. George's Circuit—W T Patrick.
 - Colleton—H C Mouzon.
 - Round O and St. Paul—E K Moore and W B Buchanan.
 - Walterboro—W M Duncan.
 - Hendersonville—D Hicks.
 - Hampton and Port Royal—R L Holroyd and W A Fary.
 - Allendale—W B Duncan.
 - Black Swamp—W H Weston.
 - Harleeville—J C Welch.
 - Beaufort—P A Murry.
 - McClellanville and St. Stephen's—G W Gastin and D A Patrick.
 - Hardeeville—E M McKissick.
- Cokesburg District.
 - Presiding Elder—G T Harmon.
 - Cokesburg—J C Chandler.
 - Greenwood—M Dargan.
 - Verdy—G R Shaffer.
 - Ninety-Six—W A Betts.
 - Donalds—W B Wharton.
 - Abbeville—J W Daniel.
 - Antebellum—J S Snyder.
 - McCormick—W H Aerial.
 - Lowndesville—E W Mason.
 - Mount Carmel—H Stokes.
 - Princeton—S D Vaughn.
 - Waterloo—W W Jones.
 - Phoenix—P Stokes.
 - New Station and City Mission—C W Creighton and J W Speck.
 - Newberry Circuit—D Tiller.
 - Kinard's—J S Lesley.
 - Saluda—J J Stephenson.
 - Butler—W C Wurn.
 - Parksville—J C Holley.
 - Prosperity—E G Price.
- Columbia District.
 - Presiding Elder—J W Dickson.
 - Washington Street—W W Daniel.
 - Marion Street—P L Kirton.
 - Green Street and Brookland—W B Baker.
 - Richland and Granby—J C Abney.
 - Edgewood—R C McKay.
 - Hyatt's—J W Neely.
 - Lexington—Wm Harden.
 - Lexington Fork—M L Banks, Jr.
 - Lewisdale—J N Wright.
 - Leesville—N B Clarkson.
 - Batesburg—D D Dantzier.
 - Johnston—C C Herbert.
 - Edgefield—D Z Dantzier.
 - Grantville—N G Ballenger.
 - Kangley—J H Noland.
 - Upper St. Matthews—J W Aerial.
 - Fort Motte—R W Humphries.
 - Ridgeway—A B Phillips.
 - Winnboro—J D Crout.
 - Fairfield—W H Miller.
 - Columbia Female College—J A Rice, president, and R E Stackhouse professor.
 - Epworth Orphanage—Geo H Waddell, superintendent.
 - Paine Institute—Geo W Walker, president.
- Florence District.
 - Presiding Elder—E T Hodges.
 - Florence Station, W I Herbert.
 - Darlington, R A Child.
 - Charaw, D M McLeod.
 - Charaw Circuit, R E Mood.
 - Hartsville, G F Clarkson.
 - Clyde, J S Abernethy.
 - Darlington Circuit, W S Martin.
 - Lamar, J M Boyd.
 - Timmonsville, R W Barber.
 - Clausen, M H Pooser.
 - South Florence, R M Dubose.
 - Spartanburg, J W Harris.
 - Lake City, W H Kirton.
 - Kingstree, A B Earle.
 - Union, G W Davis.
 - Lane's, J A White.
 - Sellers, R C Boulware.
 - Georgetown, A J Stokes.
 - Georgetown Circuit, O L Durant and J B Weldow.
 - Johnsonville, A E Hollar.
- Greenville District.
 - Presiding Elder—W C Power.
 - Buncombe Station and Mills, W A Rogers and D W Keller.
 - St. Paul's, H B Browne.
 - Anderson and West End, W R Richardson and S B Harper.
 - Star and Iva, F H Shuler and R E Turnipseed.
 - Piedmont, E P Taylor and T Grigsby Herbert.
 - Greenville Circuit, J C Counts.
 - Fountain Inn, J W Shell.
 - Reidville, C H Clyde.
 - Greens and Pelham, A H Best.
 - Traveler's Rest, C B Burns.
 - Easley and Bethesda, J E Rushton.
 - Pickens and West Pickens, J S Porter.
 - North Pickens to be supplied.
 - Walhalla Circuit, J L Mullinix.
 - Seneca and Walhalla, J L Daniel.
 - Westminster, R R Dagnall.
 - Townville, L L Inabinet.
 - Pendleton, A T Dunlap.
 - Williamston and Providence, P F Kilgo.
 - Editor Southern Christian Advocate, J O Assistant.
 - Assistant Editor, L F Beaty, Williamston.
 - Williamston College, S Lander.
 - Marion District.
 - Presiding Elder, J B Wilson.
 - Marion, T E Morris.
 - Centenary, G B Whitaker.
 - Britton's Neck, E S Campbell.
 - Conway, W S Stokes.
 - Conway Circuit, W A Barra.
 - Bucksville, J F Way.
 - Waccamaw, D A Calhoun.
 - Bayboro, S Jones.
 - Loris, J R Sojourner.
 - Mullins, S J Betha.
 - North Mullins, J K McKain.
 - Latta, J E Beard.
 - Little Rock, A J Cauthen, Jr.
 - Clio, W W Williams.
 - Blenheim, P B Wells.
 - Bennettsville, J L Stokes.

Bennettsville Circuit, J S Beasley. Brightsville, J B Traywick. McCall Mission, T L Belvin. North Marlboro, W S Goodwin.

Orangeburg District. Presiding Elder, John Owen. Orangeburg and City Mission, E O Watson and J C Strickland. Grangeburg Circuit, W L Walla. Lower St. Matthews, M W Hook. Providence, C D Mann and E Z James.

Branchville, J C Stoll. South Branchville, E A Withes. Bamberg, T C Odell. Denmark, M B Kelley. Barnwell, W A Wright. Williston, J C Davis. Springfield, G E Stokes. Boiling Springs, J D Frierson. Orange, N K Melton. Edisto, J C Young. Aiken, A J Stafford. Swansea, J T Macfarlane. Wagener, to be supplied.

Rock Hill District. Presiding Elder, J B Campbell. Chester, J E Greer. Chester Circuit, J E Mahaffey. East Chester, R A Young. Richburg, E P Hutson. Rock Hill, S H Zimmerman. Rock Hill Circuit, T C Ligon. North Rock Hill, J B Harris. Yorkville, A N Brunson. Blacksburg, A J Cauthen. Hickory Grove, J H Thacker. York Circuit, J W Humbert. Fort Mills, J A Campbell. Van Wyck, S H Booth. Lancaster, J E Carlisle. Lancaster Circuit, G C Leonard. Cradesville, L L Badenbaugh. Chesterfield, J P Attaway. Jefferson, Allen McFarlane. Blackstock, P B Ingraham.

Spartanburg District. Presiding Elder—A J Cauthen. Central, M L Carlisle. Duncan, W C Kirkland. Spartanburg Mission, E B Loyless. Clifton, R W Spigner. Union Station and Mills, W A Massabeau and J C Roper. Gaffney, T M Dent. Gaffney Circuit, S T Creech. Laurens Station and Mission, H R Jones and J M Shell. North Laurens, D P Boyd. Cherokee, J M Lawson. Jonesville, E H Beckham. Kelson, J N Isom. Paoclet Mills, B M Grier. Paoclet Circuit, E S Jones. Enoree, J M Friday. Clinton, J L Harley. Whitmire, D A Phillips. Santuc, A F Berry. Campobella, S A Nettles. Belmont, S T Blackman. Wofford College, C B Smith.

Sumter District. Presiding Elder—T J Clyde. Junter, J A Clifton. Junter City Missions, W A Kelly. Sumter Circuit, W M Byrd. Manning, W H Hodges. Santee, A B Watson. Jordan, W A Pitts. Foreston, J R Copeland. New Zion, W E Wiggins. Lynchburg, W B Justus. Bishop, J F Anderson. Bishopville, J V Elkins. Bethany, G H Pooser. Salem Station, T W Henry. Kershaw, J G Beckwith. Smithville, W T Duncan. Camden, T Pate. Camden Circuit, B M Robertson. Wateree, S D Bailey. Richland, T G White. Wedgefield, F Spear.

Superannuated Preachers. F Auld, M L Banks, J C Brisswell, Sidi H Browne, J M Carlisle, William Carson, W A Clarke, A M Chreitzburg, O A Darby, R L Duffie, J F Smith, J A Wood, A W Walker, J J Workman, John Attaway, L M Hamer, A W Jackson, Simpson Jones, L A Johnson; Paul F Kistler, L C Loyd, M M Bradham, J J Neville, J J Newberry, J A Porter, W C Patterson, A M Attaway, T P Phillips, C E Wiggins, J S Sibley, M M Ferguson, J M Rogers, Thos. G. Herbert, Sr.; T E Wannamaker.

Will Meet in Greenwood Next. When the time came for selecting a place for the next meeting, Orangeburg, Greenville, Chester, Greenwood and Spartanburg were nominated. Greenwood was selected.

Schools in Good Condition. The report of the board of education was read by Rev. P. F. Kilgo. It nominated Rev. C. B. Smith as agent for Wofford college. It recommends the Columbia Female college day be the second Sunday in March. The report shows all conference schools in good condition.

Withdrew His Application. Last week the State Supreme Court examined the applicants for admission to the bar. Seventeen young men presented themselves and took the examination. Ex-State Detective Newbold was not among them. Had he presented himself, the court would doubtless have had to decide the question as to whether a man charged with murder could be examined while the trial was still pending. Newbold was in the city, but he withdrew his application.—The State.

Candidate for Judge. Mr. J. E. McDonald, of Winnsboro, was in Columbia a few days ago, being on his way to Charleston. He is a candidate for judge to succeed Judge Witherspoon, and is confident of success. The only other avowed candidate is Mr. Gage, of Chester, though it is said that Senator Ragsdale, of Fairfield, has his eye on the place too.—The Register.

Accidentally Killed. Mr. W. P. Rush, son of H. J. Rush, living fifteen miles below Greenwood, accidentally shot and killed himself while hunting.

Sunday Wheels.—The Sunday bicycle is doing much to destroy the benefits of the day of rest and worship.—Rev. M. D. Kneeland, Independent, Boston, Mass.

This great country is still full of men with consciences. One of these has just given evidence of the fact in Pennsylvania by returning a \$350 pension which he admitted having obtained fraudulently.

PALMETTO STATE NEWS.

Pharmacists Elect Officers.
The annual meeting of the South Carolina Pharmaceutical Association, met in Charleston a few days ago and elected the following officers: President, O. E. Thomas, Columbia; first vice-president, A. P. Elmor, Charleston; second vice-president, M. H. Sandifer, Rock Hill, and secretary and treasurer, J. A. Barbot, Charleston. On the examining board, O. Owens, of Columbia, was elected for six years; Jas. R. Henderson, of Spartanburg, to serve the unexpired term of L. G. Wood, resigned, of Columbia; O. E. Thomas to serve the unexpired term of Henry Plenge, resigned, of Charleston.

Work of "Regulators."
The Manning correspondent of the Register says: "Marion Bochette, a white man living near Summerton, and Alice Sweet, a negro woman, were severely whipped with a buggy trace a few days ago. Bochette seems to have a 'kindly feeling' for the sable Alice, and in the same home with Mrs. Bochette and his five children repeatedly sat around the hearthstone making love to Alice. The white neighbors could not tolerate such conduct longer and resorted to the last to secure decency in the neighborhood."

Engrossing Clerks.
Attorney General Barber has announced that he would make the same arrangement he did last year with reference to the clerks in the engrossing department. He is receiving a great many applications for positions in this department. It is entirely useless to send applications to him as the appointments will be made entirely upon the suggestion of the solicitors. Each of the solicitors of the State will be allowed one clerk of their own choosing.

Ex-Governor Evans Married.
A Waterbury, Conn., special says Miss Emily Mansfield Plume, daughter of David S. Plume, was married on the 15th to ex-Governor John Gary Evans, of Aiken, S. C., at the residence of the bride's parents. The wedding guests included members of the groom's family from Edgefield, S. C., and relatives and friends of the bride from New York, New Haven, Philadelphia and Houston, Texas.

Prisoners Break Jail.
At Camden during a heavy rain three negroes, by means of a chisel, cut out an iron bar in the door of the county jail, and by use of their blankets slid it to the ground and made good their escape. The jail is said to be a disgrace to the county, and the grand jury has year after year reported it as unfit for any one to stay in, and as insecure, but no steps have been taken to build a new one.

Carolina's Sick Senators.
A Washington special says: "Senator Tillman is sick in bed with stomach trouble similar to the attack he had last fall. While his condition is not regarded as dangerous, he is quite ill, and may be too feeble to go home for the holiday recess. Senator McLaurin is still struggling against typhoid fever and he will also spend his Christmas holidays on a bed of sickness."

School Statistics Encouraging.
The fourteenth annual report of Columbia's graded schools has just been issued for the session of 1896-97. The statistics are very encouraging and show that the schools have kept up with all of the improvements of the times. Financially the year was one of the most successful in the history of the school, their not being a dollar in the debt of the school at the close of the fiscal year.

A Colored Enterprise.
The Secretary of State has issued a commission to the Carolina Enterprise, association of Hartsville. The object is to buy and sell land, provide homes for its members, and do a general mercantile business. The incorporators are W. M. McCall, D. S. Hammond, John Campbell and others. The capital stock is to be \$1,000 divided into shares at \$1 each.

Importation of Liquors in Wagons.
The question of the right of citizens of South Carolina to bring liquor into the State from points beyond its wagon and buggy will come up before the State Supreme Court early next month. In other words the State court is going to be asked to pass upon this question of interstate commerce.

Delighted With the Work.
President Wilborn, while in Columbia, on his return from the Cotton Growers' Convention, in Atlanta, Ga., expressed himself as much delighted with the work of the convention, and is satisfied it will result in much good. He also said the farmers are generally going to reduce the cotton acreage.

Arrested the Engineers.
A special from Spartanburg, of the 15th, to the Register, says: The police today arrested the engineers of two of the Southern's southbound passenger trains for running at too great speed within the city's limits. After giving bond to appear before the mayor's court they were allowed to go on.

Noted Moonshiner Arrested.
Eli Pittman, the famed moonshiner and so-called desperado of the Darl Corner of Greenville county, who a few weeks ago was in the battle between revenue officers and moonshiners, in which two of the officers were wounded, has been arrested.

Indebtedness of Counties Adjusted.
The commissioners representing Union, York, Spartanburg and Cherokee met at Gaffney a few days ago and adjusted Cherokee's part of the indebtedness of the three old counties.

The Piedmont Poultry Association.
The Piedmont Poultry Association held their second annual show at Spartanburg last week for three days, which was a grand success. One exhibit showed fowls to the value of \$2,000.

Will Not Want for Syrup.
Farmers of Clarendon county are busy day and night boiling sugar-cane juice. There has been a large crop of cane and the farmers will not want for syrup. It is on the market at 40 cents a gallon.

A NEW PUBLIC PRINTER.

Mr. Charles B. Calvo Succeeds His Father.
THE CAUSE OF THE VACANCY.
A Contract Made With The State Newspaper Company to Do the Work—Commission Act.

The State of the 14th says: "For several days the question as to who would do the public printing has been one of considerable doubt. Yesterday Mr. Charles B. Calvo, a son of Mr. Charles A. Calvo, the public printer, was elected to that position, the office having been declared vacant. Mr. Charles B. Calvo has arranged with the State company to do the work for him.

"Last June Mr. C. A. Calvo, the State printer, became ill and had to be sent to a hospital at the North; at that time his connection with the Columbia Register was severed and the paper which he had for so long a time went into the hands of Henry Lyndenmyer & Sons, of New York, who have since been running it. Mr. Calvo suffered from mental trouble. A short time ago he was brought home in a worse condition than when he went away. On Saturday last he was adjudged insane by a commission de lunatico inquirendo appointed by the probate court, and Gov. Ellerbe, in accordance with the act of the General Assembly creating the office of public printer, submitted to the attorney general the question as to whether Mr. Calvo's misfortune did not vacate the office, and summoned to Columbia the chairman of the printing committee of the two houses of the General Assembly.

"The attorney general held in his opinion that if Mr. Calvo was adjudged insane then the office became vacant. The conditions referred to existing, the Governor and the two chairmen named, constituting a commission under the act, met yesterday and declaring the office vacant proceeded to elect the son of Mr. Calvo, Mr. Charles B. Calvo, public printer to fill the unexpired term.

"The young man assured the committee that he was able to get the work done in a workmanlike manner, and could have it started at once if necessary. He also gave the bond required for the faithful performance of his duties. He has made a contract with the State company to do the work, giving its president power of attorney to act for him. In this way the family of Mr. Charles A. Calvo will get an income from the public printing, despite the affliction which has befallen them."

Fall Out Over a Passage of Scripture.
At Columbia the superintendent and the assistant superintendent of the Metropolitan Baptist Church (colored) became involved in a dispute over the significance of some passage of Scripture. The argument grew so warm that at the end of the meeting, when they left the church, the two zealous exponents got into trouble. One drew a big stick and the other a brick. A case was made against them for disorderly conduct and in the police court one of them was fined.

Against Sunday Mails.
The committee appointed by the M. E. Conference, in session at Florence last week, to whom was referred the communication of Bishop P. E. Stevens, in reference to violation of the Sabbath in the matter of running Sunday trains, recommended that the presiding Bishop be authorized to sign the petition, in behalf of this Conference, to the Postmaster General to stop the mails on the Sabbath, etc., and its report was adopted.

The Scalping Ticket Business.
A petition is being circulated in Charleston which will be forwarded to the United States Senate and the House of Representatives, urging Congress not to pass the bill for the destruction of the scalping ticket business. The petition has already been signed by about 600 citizens, including many of the most prominent business men. A similar petition has been circulated all over the country.—The State.

Two Phosphate Companies.
The Secretary of State has issued a commission to the Runnymede Phosphate Company of Charleston. The incorporators are Edward W. Hughes, Gustavus M. Pinckney, and Julian Mitchell. The capital stock is \$15,000, divided into 150 shares at \$100 each. A charter has been granted also to the Berkeley Chemical company. The officers are W. B. Chisholm, president and treasurer; and R. G. Chisholm, secretary.

A Tax on Incomes.
Although it is only a few days before the first of the year, there is very little general interest in the important innovation that is then to go into effect in the tax department of the State. "From and after the 1st day of January, 1898, there shall be annually assessed, levied and collected," the Act reads, "A tax on incomes." Further down in the Act it is stated that the tax is to be levied upon incomes of \$2,500 and above.

Will Be Held in Columbia.
The State Y. M. C. A. Convention will be held in Columbia, Feb. 10-13, and from present indications it will be largely attended. An excellent program is being prepared, including several specialties that will mark a new departure in South Carolina conventions.

Smothered in Cotton Seed.
William Henry Richardson, a colored employee of the Barnwell Oil Mill, was found dead on Wednesday morning of last week. It seems his work was in an outer room and consisted in removing the hulls as they fell. It is supposed that he was under the influence of whiskey and, falling into a drunken sleep, was smothered and smothered by the accumulating cotton seed hulls. The verdict of the coroner's jury was in accord with the facts as stated.

WINTHROP COLLEGE CLOSED.

The "Girls in Blue" Have Gone to Their Respective Homes UNTIL JANUARY 3D, 1898.
What Governor Ellerbe Says of the College in Regard to Its Health Record in General.

The Winthrop College girls have all gone home until Jan. 3d, owing to the adoption by the board of trustees of a recommendation of the physicians' commission that the college be closed down for the present until all danger of the spreading of smallpox in Rock Hill has passed. The commission, as appointed by the governor, made a thorough investigation of the college and its surroundings, including water supply, dairy, laundry, kitchen, plumbing, etc. The health of the students, says the commission, has been very good since the college opened Sept. 30, as few absences from the class attendance indicates. There is one case of continued fever, that of Dr. Miller, the resident physician, and also at least five pupils have been sent home on account of illness. As to the origin of the fever, the commission could give no positive opinion as the plumbing and the surrounding seem to be in a perfectly healthy condition, but at the same time they recommend several changes around the premises in the sanitary line, etc. The commission also said:

"There seems to be no doubt of the existence in Rock Hill of one case of smallpox, which has been thoroughly isolated by the local health authorities. Quarantine was established at the college on the afternoon of the 11th instant, and even the day pupils are now excluded. The servants have been required to occupy rooms in the basements of the dormitories. The entire population of the institution except thirteen have been vaccinated and these exceptions will be inoculated in the next few days. In the town compulsory vaccination has been enforced by the local board of health.

"In view of the undoubted existence of smallpox in Rock Hill and the possibility that the disease may spread and from the fact that feverishness more or less severe is likely to occur in the vaccinated students, as well as to allay the apprehensions of some friends of the institution regarding the existence of fever at Winthrop, we recommend that a vacation be given till Jan. 3, 1898. By that time it can certainly be known whether smallpox is spreading or has been entirely suppressed.

JAMES EVANS, M. D., Chairman
D. S. POPE, M. D.
J. W. BARCOCK, M. D.

Governor Ellerbe expresses himself as being very much pleased with the condition of the college. He doubted if there was an institution in the State that could show a better health record than Winthrop.

The Governor also calls attention to one of the teachers' class record. The report shows what the class has done during two weeks. Here are the figures:

Total number of students.....	133
Number not absent.....	105
Number absent one day.....	28
Number absent two days.....	1
Number absent three days.....	4

The Pension Law.
There is some talk of a meeting of the State board of pensions in the next few days to arrange for the printing and distribution without delay of all the blanks required by the township boards. Under a recent decision of the attorney general all the old township boards will hold over. Last year the department had the greatest difficulty in getting members of township boards to serve. This year a good many say they will not serve. Comptroller Epton is in somewhat of a predicament, and does not know exactly what to do in order to get over this flaw in the machinery. The failure of any township board to act at the proper time delays a whole county's report. He has been thinking seriously of getting the veterans in the several counties to meet and undertake to see that the township boards are kept together.

New Year's Registration.
The Attorney General has received several applications to know whether or not the county supervisors of registration should keep their offices open on the first day in January or the first Monday in January, for the registration of voters. Mr. Barber has decided that according to the terms of the act the books must be kept open on the first day of the New Year for all who wish to register. After the next registration, in January, there will only be one registration officer, appointed by the Governor, for each of the counties. The understanding clause will be a thing of the past, when the single commissioner of registration takes hold of affairs.

To Mine Minerals.
The Secretary of State has issued a commission to the Southern Paint and Color company of North Augusta. The company proposes to mine minerals and manufacture them into paints, colors and crayons. The capital stock is to be \$5,000, divided into shares at \$10 each.

Col. Aldrich Chosen.
Col. Robert Aldrich has been invited to deliver the commencement address at Clemson College in February. Col. Aldrich is the State senator from Barnwell. He is well known throughout the State, and will doubtless be heard with benefit to all.

Prohibitionists Actively at Work.
The Prohibitionists of the State are actively at work organizing in each county. Far more, it is said, has been accomplished in the last month towards an effective organization than for six months in the campaign of 1892. Capt. L. D. Childs, of Columbia, has been invited to Charleston to address the people on the views and plans of the Prohibitionists as to the liquor traffic. The two leading church conferences recently held, passed resolutions relative to the liquor question.

AS TO THE CONSTABLES.

State Board of Control Advises a Cause of Action.
LATELY ADOPTED RESOLUTIONS
Which Looks to Restoration of the Constabulary—In Keeping With the Sumter County Board.

At the recent meeting of the State Board of Control a resolution was adopted which in a measure looks to the restoration of the constabulary. The circular as sent to the several county boards, read as follows:

Office of State Board of Control
South Carolina Dispensary
Columbia, S. C., Dec. 13, 1897.

Gentlemen: Please find below the following resolution adopted at the regular monthly meeting of this board for December, 1897:

"That a circular letter be addressed to the various county boards of control, to-wit: In their judgment a constable is needed in their county to prevent the illicit sale of liquor, we recommend that they ask the Governor to appoint one or more for their county."

By order State Board of Control.
Very respectfully,
B. C. Wynn, Clerk.

This circular is in keeping with the action of the Sumter county board, but so far as known no such requests were suggested in the circular have been sent to the Governor.

There is no telling how many county boards will "in their judgment" see the need of the restoration of the constables, but it will be interesting to note what requests are presented in response to the circular.

Masons Elect Officers.
The following are the officers elected at the meeting of the Grand Lodge of Masons in Charleston: M. B. Brother Jacob T. Barron, Columbia, grand master; R. W. Brother Bartlett J. Witherspoon, Lancaster, deputy grand master; R. W. Brother Orlando Sheppard, Edgefield, senior grand warden; R. W. Brother Walter M. Whitehead, Charleston, junior grand warden; R. W. Brother Zimmerman Davis, Charleston, grand treasurer; R. W. Brother Chas. Inglesby, Charleston, grand secretary; R. W. and Rev. Bro. Byron Holly, Greenville, grand chaplain. The following appointments were duly announced in the grand lodge: W. Brother A. H. Doty, of Charleston, and W. Brother John C. Watkins, of Anderson, senior grand deacons; W. Brother E. C. Seacrest, of Lancaster, and W. Brother W. A. Holman, of Barnwell, junior deacons; W. Brother C. P. Quattlebaum, Conway, grand marshal; W. Brother L. W. Nettles, of Foreston, grand pursuivant; W. Brother J. L. Michie, of Darlington, and W. Brother S. E. Moore, of Hartsville, grand stewards; W. Brother W. A. Wimber, of Charleston, grand tiler.

The State Militia.
Col. W. W. Bruce, the assistant adjutant general, has just completed the preparation of the table showing the number of officers and men enlisted in the militia of the State under the militia act. This is the statement that goes into the annual report of the adjutant general. The statement, when compared with that of last year, shows that there are now 741 less men composing the State militia than at the end of last year. There are now 17 less companies in the State than last year, the total number being 97 in 1896 against 80 in 1897. The principal falling off has been in the infantry companies, 14 having been dropped and disbanded for various reasons. Last year 3,095 men out of 4,683 turned out for inspection; this year 2,450 out of 2,942 were present at the annual inspection. Gen. Watts has disbanded a number of the commands for failure to pass inspection.

Want an Experimental Station.
In company with Col. Neal, the superintendent of the penitentiary, the members of the special examining committee of the general assembly went to the State farm and came away completely charmed and delighted with the place. The committee found everything at the State farm to be in a pie condition. The recommendations will be that more corn and grain be planted by the State. The committee will recommend to the general assembly that the trustees of Clemson college establish an experimental station on the State farm. The committee think such a station would be of great value to the agricultural masses of the people.

The Smallpox Checked.
The commission of physicians which went to Rock Hill to investigate conditions there with regard to smallpox and the sanitary condition of Winthrop College have made their report to the governor. The commission made diligent and careful inquiry and could find no trace of but one case that was brought there from Atlanta, and which has been completely isolated, and vaccination is the general order of the day in the nearby towns, and, in fact, throughout the State.

Fatal Boiler Explosion.
At Charleston the boiler in Townsend's wood yard exploded and killed Dallas Whitfield and fatally injured two other men. Whitfield was killed instantly, his body being hurled seventy-five feet into the air, striking against a third-story window sill of a building which stood some 300 feet from the scene of the explosion. The cause is said to have been on account of the water running too low in the boiler.

Timely Warning Given.
In view of the anxiety about the matter of extension in the time for paying taxes, Gov. Ellerbe and Comptroller Epton, who alone have the authority to grant the extension, have talked over the situation thoroughly and the Governor has made the positive announcement that there would be no extension of time granted this year. The announcement is thus made in order to give the taxpayers ample time to raise the money with which to pay their taxes before the treasurer's books close on the 31st.